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Jane Henney, Commissioner
F.D.A.
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 1471
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Re: U.S. District Court for D.C. Docket No. 98-CV-1300

Dear Commissioner Henney:

As a U.S. citizen, I have a strong interest in being able to feel secure that the F.D.A. is indeed protecting my and my family's safety. If the F.D.A. fails to require the labeling of all genetically modified foods, then I will believe that it represents the interests of agroindustry corporations instead of all the citizens of this nation and our irreplaceable ecosystems. Your administration is legally required to verify the safety of all foods which have been "materially altered," and genetic alteration self-evidently fits this description. There are growing reasons to worry that some GM foods may degrade beneficial insect chains in ecosystems and affect human health. Therefore all GM foods require mandatory labeling and independent safety testing over an extended period of time. It is time for the F.D.A. to be cautious regarding GM foods, and responsible to this nation's citizens.

Sincerely,



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